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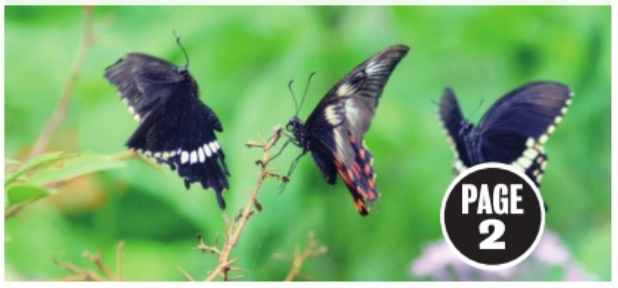

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Any vehicle parked in public space over 15 days to be considered abandoned and towed away as police and BBMP join hands to clear accumulating scrap from city's underbelly

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'First of its kind' initiative

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For some time now, the city police have been working towards disposing of abandoned vehicles in public places across Bengaluru.

In the latest development in this regard, the police department has now started working with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike to identify abandoned vehicles in public places such as footpaths, footways and under the flyovers across the city. Special teams consisting of both police and BBMP engineers would be put in charge of identifying and disposing of the Khatara vehicles in the respective jurisdictions of Bengaluru.

Bengaluru police commissioner Kamal Pant told Bangalore Mirror that the police department has been working on the initiative for the past eight months, and this is in fact first of its kind initiative in the country.

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— Kamal Pant, commissioner of police

Funds raiser

BBMP wants Rs 1,171.33 cr to fix rain-damaged infrastructure

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has requested the state government Rs 1171.33 crore for repairing the roads, storm water drains, and other infrastructure works devastated by the recent rain fury.

Heavy rainfall in October and November caused widespread damage to the infrastructure as BM had extensively reported.

Rain water flooded low-lying areas in the city and wreaked havoc in the lives of many citizens, apart from the massive damages to infrastructure facilities. So, the civic body submitted an application to the additional chief secretary of the Urban Development Department requesting the release of funds to the tune of Rs 1171.33 crore.

To prevent flooding, the Palike has to strengthen the 842-km length of the rajakaluve network in the city. The retaining walls of some of the storm water drains which connect Vrishabhavathi, Hebbal, Koramangala and Challaghatta valleys were destroyed due to the gushing water.

So, it is essential to rebuild the retaining walls of these storm water drains, the civic body has identified. There are 120 new works planned to control future flooding scenarios. All these works may require Rs 411.33 crore, as per the civic body's estimate.

Zonal works

There are 11,000 km of roads in eight zones of the BBMP. Roads under the ambit of the civic body have been severely damaged beyond recognition.

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THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

Biologists and experts are gearing up for the fifth Karnataka Butterfly Bee Festival that will be held from December 6 – 10

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With the fifth Karnataka Butterfly Bee Festival slated to be held online between December 6 – 10, many experts and biologists are gearing up to talk about the various species of butterflies and bees in Karnataka.

The festival will be organised in association with Karnataka's Forest Department (KFD), Jungle Lodges and Resort, Bengaluru Butterfly Club, National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS). The series of online events will involve talks explaining the butterfly's biology for scientists, by Nitin Ravikanthachari, a PhD student in the lab of Professor Carol Boggs, studying the genetics of butterfly-host plant interactions. He has been working with butterflies for the last 10 years. Haneesh K M, founding member of Bengaluru Butterfly Club, has been observing and documenting butterflies since 2008, while Ashok Sengupta, who has been studying about butterflies for more than a decade, will talk about his encounters with the jewel of nature. Apart from the online events, there will also be students walks at the Doreswamypalya Park which belongs to the KFD. Photo exhibitions, drawing competition for children, photo contest and quiz will be held during the four days.

Nagesh Ramamurthy, member of Bangalore Butterfly Club, said: "This is a great learning place for children and even the public; many species of butterfly will be seen fluttering around and it will be a great view for the children. They will get to know about the different species and can also engage in different activities."

On December 10, one can even learn about the different species of trees and plants to be plants to attract the butterflies. "Curry plants, guava plants, marigold, sunflower, alder, and more are butterflies attracting plants. These will be spoken about at the festival and one can even see releasing of butterflies," added Ramamurthy.

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Kids can get to learn about the different species of butterflies & bees

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4 THINGS TO DO

01 Adopt a pup

If you've been meaning to give a furry one a home, there's good news. Check out this Puppy Adoption Drive at Heads Up for Tails store, Magrath Road. There will also be a pet photographer, a bake sale counter, and stalls on display with lots of goodies. Hurry!
Where: Heads Up for Tails, 27 Magrath Road
When: Dec 4, 11:30am – 5pm
Contact: 9844356330/ 7349345444

02 Uniting people, through music

The Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) Bengaluru, one of India's leading private museums, in collaboration with Berklee College of Music, Boston, is presenting Art is Life: SoundFrames from December 3 to 5, a three-day digital festival. The programme will present over 25 events inspired by music including concerts, performances, panel discussions, film talks, educational workshops and exhibitions.
Register: artislife.events

03 Songs from Gita Govinda

Bhoomija Trust, the Bengaluru-based presenter of performing arts, will present Nrityagram's Surupa Sen in a solo performance titled "Vinati - Songs from the Gita Govinda". The celebrated Odissi dancer will be accompanied by Nrityagram's signature live orchestra. All the government mandated Covid regulations will be strictly enforced at the venue. **Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleshwaram; When: Dec 4, 7 pm**
Contact: 080 23445810/23443956
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04 An evening of music

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Rise of the street hawk

Police notice big rise in footpath vendors since relaxations, work out ways to accommodate them, traffic

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In many areas, new vendors are trying to find space

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Ever since the lockdown restrictions started being eased, commercial establishments and pedestrians in and around Mahadevapura, Whitefield and other nearby areas say that the number of street hawkers have shot up.

Police sources say there has been a considerable increase in the number of street hawkers, who fall under the unorganised sector, since the Covid lockdown opened up after the second wave recently.

Many of these hawkers are on the lookout for space to ply their trade and end up encroaching footpaths illegally, where they get into territorial disputes with other street vendors.

In a survey taken by the BBMP in 2018-2019, the civic authority had identified around 25,000 to 35,000 street vendors or footpath hawkers in the city of which around 15,000 were even issued identity cards. But, the number of footpath hawkers have increased manifold since then, say police sources.

A large number of hawkers arrive by train in the city since early morning times from nearby districts like Kolar, Tumakuru, Nelamangala, Doddaballapura, Chikkaballapura, Ramanagara, - a big chunk of them from the neighbouring states like Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu as well. Footpaths in and around the Frazer Town area, Mahadevapura, Whitefield, and KR Puram are the favourite spots for business for hawkers as it is an IT corridor.

The East Division police have been getting numerous complaints from pedestrians, and owners of commercial establishments that footpaths have been encroached, and now the the traffic police are roping in NGOs and activists to help dislodge these hawkers from footpaths and identifying other spaces for them so that they can earn a livelihood, a senior police officer said.

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What happens when Cupid makes a jumbo strike?

Where's the jam? It's where the schools are

The Bangalore Traffic Police also have their hands full with added traffic due to reopenng of schools.

They are conducting sensitisation sessions among school staff especially school bus drivers, teachers and students creating awareness among them about how traffic is thrown out of gear near schools at the time of school starting and closing times.

More private vehicles

Due to the pandemic effect, a majority of students are not taking school buses, and their parents prefer to drop them to school in their personal vehicles, which this is causing a lot of traffic choc-a-block near schools at the peak hours as most people are trying to get to their work places at the same time.

The police are also sensitising students to opt for school buses while also insiting that the children and the buss staff follow Covid-appropriate behaviour such as always wearing a mask and maintaining physical distance at all times. — Bellie Thomas

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Traffic is most affected at school starting and closing times

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Teamwork paves way

The traffic police are working with various civic bodies, especially BBMP, to fix potholes, stop lines, zebra crossings, damaged roads and more

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The traffic police of the east division are on a spree, rectifying roads — national highways and general ones under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike — that are under their jurisdictions. The recent rains have washed the asphalt off many roads and left many stretches spotted with potholes. The heavy rains have even swept off stop lines and zebra crossings off the roads.

The KR Puram Traffic Police have formed teams to accompany BBMP officials to visit spots, prepare reports on the road infrastructure requisites. Traffic signages such as divider lines, stop lines and zebra crossings have disappeared on both national highways and major roads in and around TC Palya, Bhattarahalli, Hoodi Junction and other areas.

The traffic police have been observing commuters violate lane discipline and traffic signal discipline. The situation has led to arguments between cops and motorists who complained about the lack of stop lines at the junctions mentioned earlier. They have also observed vehicles halting haphazardly at traffic signals due to the lack of stop lines and because of jaywalking of pedestrians. The pedestrians too complained to the cops about the lack of zebra crossings.

Pedestrians caught jaywalking complained to the traffic police about the lack of visible zebra crossings in the city

A senior officer of the KR Puram Traffic Police Station told Bangalore Mirror that they have been trying to get in touch with the authorities responsible for maintaining national highways to rectify road signages and other infrastructural amenities but they have not responded positively. Therefore, the cops are now after zonal BBMP officials of the major roads division to work on placing new stop lines, zebra crossings and other road signs.

Apart from this issue, numerous roads falling under BBMP got badly damaged due to rains, which the traffic police are bringing to the Palike's attention. A BBMP official said, "We have inspected all the spots that the traffic police have intimated us to look at. We will begin the process of rectifying this depending on the revenue we get for each damaged road."

> **"Our officers are in touch with civic authorities like BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM and NHAI to intimate them about necessary road works. We will follow up with them and chip in too with our own resources to help**
> – Shantharaju, Deputy Commissioner of Police (traffic), East Division

Shantharaju, Deputy Commissioner of Police (traffic), east division, said, "Our men are in constant touch with the appropriate civic authorities like BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM and NHAI and will intimate them about whatever they can do from their side and we will constantly follow up with the intimations and make sure that they are expedited. We will also chip in with whatever resources we have and rectify the road issues, making the traffic movements smoother."

City police, BBMP work together

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us in search of his/her missing vehicle, the auction amount would be handed over to them. The SOP for abandoned vehicles has been issued by the BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta," Pant said.

A senior police officer said during a public-police interaction, a lot of citizens complained about the vehicles parked for months under flyovers inconveniencing the pedestrians as well as motorists. "We had recently auctioned the abandoned vehicles from the police stations through an e-auction site. The BBMP will sign an MoU with the same company to dispose of the abandoned vehicles. Not just two-wheelers and cars, a lot of old trucks, autorickshaws, bicycles and lorries are left unclaimed under the flyovers which the BBMP engineers along with the jurisdictional police personnel shall identify, and later tow these automobiles away for disposal," he said.

BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta issued the standard operating procedure stating that the civic body has to provide free passing on the footways/footpaths and below the flyover, and their duty to have the encroachments removed and to implement u/s 229 & 254 of BBMP Act 2020. Any vehicle parked on the footpath over and above 15 days would be considered as abandoned and will be towed away by the officials. Under the zonal chief engineer and deputy commissioner of traffic, the engineers and the police of the respective jurisdictions would coordinate and identify the abandoned vehicles.

Before towing the vehicles away, the photos of the vehicles along with locations would be captured, and later the automobiles will be sent to designated places for auctioning. An official in the know explained that on the second day after identification, a notice will be issued/pasted on the vehicle in question asking for the owner to claim and remove the said vehicle. After 10 days of issuing of the notice, the vehicle would be shifted for disposal.

After the passing of 14 days, a public notification will be issued to make any claim whatsoever within seven days, following which the vehicle details will be uploaded on the portal and the vehicle will be auctioned within the next 30 days.

After deluge, BBMP seeks infra funds

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Now, most of the roads have potholes as large as craters which are threatening the life of commuters.

Taking this into account, the BBMP has requested Rs 600 crore to repair all the stretches that need urgent attention and to create basic facilities in the respective wards. The arterial and sub-arterial roads are 1,344 km-long and have also been damaged by the rains. Around 192 km of roads are part of the high-density corridor project. About 180 km of roads are being upgraded under the white-topping project and 30 km of roads are developed under the Smart City initiative.

Another 580 km of roads under BBMP limits have not been asphalted for the last three years. The repair of these roads would require funding up to Rs 100 crore, it has been estimated.

Moreover, the BBMP has decided to appoint 400 civil defence staff and 600 home guards in eight zones. The civic agency has also requested Rs 10 crore for buying equipment for its control room. The Palike requested the government to release the aforementioned sums totalling to Rs 1171.33 crore under the disaster management fund so that it can take up the works immediately.

'Garbage' roads

The city produces close to 4,500 metric tonnes of solid waste daily. There are eight solid waste processing units and one landfill for the purpose. There are 600 compactors transporting garbage to these units. But, most of the roads connected to garbage processing units are filled with silt. This has hindered garbage disposal. The roads connecting these units should be repaired on priority, the BBMP demanded, and requested Rs 50 crore for the same.

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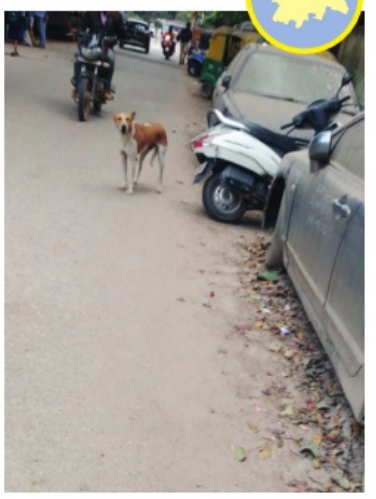

These vehicles parked across the police station are gathering dust on the road.

Safety issues
Jayanagar

A new showroom on 11th Main has installed a halogen lamp on a median. The wires of the lamp are scattered across the ground. Folks crossing the road could trip and fall.

Crater woes
Hebbal

The flyover is spotted with really bad craters, which make rides uncomfortable for motorists.

No place for dogs, or dog-lovers?

Man runs over pup; senior citizen claims he is being harrassed at old age home for feeding strays

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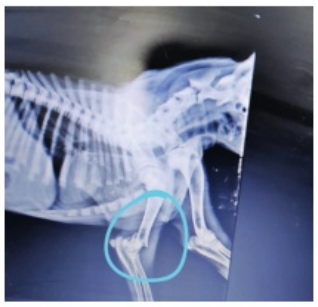
A man alleged to have run over a sleeping pup near the gate in front of his apartment complex, was arrested by the Parappana Agrahara police on Wednesday. The three-month-old pup is fighting for its life right now.



The pup that was run over is in hospital with broken bones

The accused, Nikhil, a resident of Rayasandra and a provision store owner, was caught on CCTV running over the pup and then speeding off. The complainant who did not wish to be identified alleged that it was intentional. "We received a message about the pup being injured. I rushed outside and other residents too gathered there. We shifted the pup to a veterinary hospital. I checked the CCTV footage and even spoke to the security guards of the building and everything pointed to it being intentional. There are four dogs near the apartments of which two are adults and two are puppies. Both are three-month-old puppies. Someone had run over the other puppy too, but it wasn't badly injured," she said.

Police said that they have seized the car and are taking the opinion of the RTO for DL suspension. "The accused informed us that he had not seen the pup and it was an accident, but the CCTV footage shows clearly that he ran over the pup without stopping," said an officer.

80-year-old's ordeal

An 80-year-old man claims he is being harassed by the staff of an old age home he lives at, for feeding the stray dogs in the area. He alleged that he is being locked up inside his room by the staffers for complaining to the police against them.

Joseph KM, a retired employee from HAL, had shifted to the old age home in Kengeri hobli about three years ago. He said that he has been feeding the strays for a long time and he cooks food for them inside his room from his savings. "I am regularly being harassed by the staff of the home as well as the residents who are against me feeding the strays. They keep asking me not to feed them and to relocate them which is illegal. There are about six adult dogs and five pups inside the old age home which I have been taking care of along with 10 more strays in the area," he said. Joseph said he goes out to buy milk in the morning and feeds them at the time. "The staff reduced the quantity of food for me and would yell at me if I ask them for an extra roti or chapati. I started to prepare food for myself but they continued to abuse me. I have been requesting them to give me a certificate saying that I reside in their old age home as I need to submit it to the bank but they refused. Without the certificate, I might end up losing my money and they are forcing me to vacate the place and move out," he said.

> **The staff reduced the quantity of food for me and would yell at me if I ask them for an extra roti or chapati.**

Tarun Agarwal, anti-cruelty officer from People For Animals, said that Joseph filed a complaint with the police following which the staffers started to harass him even more. "They started to lock him inside his room and wouldn't let him out even for a walk. He was not allowed to get milk or even medicines. They won't let him out of the gate and are treating him like a prisoner. We had to approach the police again seeking help. The staff are not cooperating and are forcing him to vacate instead," he said.

The Kumbalgodu police have registered a case and are investigating.

St Francis Xavier feast celebrated

The feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated on Friday at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. The programme was presided by Most Rev Dr Peter Machado Archbishop of Bengaluru and Rev Fr John Antony, Parish Priest.

The Francis Xavier Cathedral in Bengaluru was built in 1852 by the French missionaries. The Church is dedicated to its patron saint St. Francis Xavier.

The saint led an extensive mission into Asia and most notably in India. He was also the first Christian missionary to venture into Japan, Borneo, the Maluku islands and other areas.

During his mission in China, he died on December 3, 1552. The body is placed till date in a glass container encased in a silver casket in the Basilica of Bom Jesus in Goa which is exposed (being brought to ground level) generally every 10 years.

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Suburbs calling: Need for space propels demand for layouts

Healthy living and physical distancing are triggering a trend in plotted property purchases in the emerging suburbs of Bengaluru. Read on

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The pandemic has impacted the way we buy a home. It has also caused us to look seriously at physical distancing, healthy living and growing our chemical-free food. This brings forward the shift towards owning land away from congested urban clusters and residing in a spacious farm or country home.

Need for space

In Bengaluru, people earlier looked at weekend getaways and short holidays at nearby resorts dotting the outskirts in the north, south and west zones of the city to take a break from city life. Thereafter, citizens gradually began to buy farms and holiday homes. Senior homes steadily mushroomed as the younger generation explored careers abroad and sought to leave their parents in secure environs of these assisted living spaces. Larger apartments available for lesser the cost than those in prime neighbourhoods are being lapped up by earnest first-time home-buyers. This need for space has seen a dynamic transition over the last few years alone. In the wake of the pandemic, however, this trend of seeking land and constructing a house has gained traction.

"Covid-19 has altered home-buyers' preferences and their housing requirements due to which we are likely to witness trends such as demand for larger and functional homes, townships, plotted developments, weekend homes, and farmhouses. Also, one has to remember that the market is now driven by end-users only and so product offerings must be appropriately planned," shares Anuj Puri, chairman, Anarock Group.

Get the plot

A FICCI-ANAROCK Indian Housing Sector joint report released earlier this year underlines the rise in demand for plotted developments. The report mentions that self-owned homes (villas or row houses) provide better social distancing compared to apartments. As a result, demand for plotted developments is on a rise. With smaller plots in the range of 1,500 to 2000 sq ft now being offered within secure gated premises, there is higher demand for such projects. Besides, with many professionals working from home, one can work from anywhere and need not stay within city limits.

Shantanu Mazumder, senior branch director – Bengaluru at Knight Frank India, says, "Plotted development in peripheral locations of Bengaluru is now picking up pace. Of late, more established developers who conventionally concentrated on apartments, are emerging in this segment. Post-pandemic, customers are also looking out for non-city centric locations, which have good connectivity to the city."

Locations in focus

Rahul Pai, co-founder and MD, Property Angel, a property management firm, gives a bird's eye view of the locations in demand. "Hosur Road's proximity to Electronics City's Phase I and II and the industrial areas of Bommanahalli, Jigani and Attibele, including Metro rail connectivity has seen land rates maintain a steady climb of eight-10 per cent per annum. Mysore Road, with the Metro rail and NICE Road connectivity, and road widening for the proposed Mysore Expressway, will contribute to land rates seeing appreciation of a minimum of 10 per cent per annum once the pandemic subsides. Metro connectivity has given the Peenya-Dasarahalli stretch a fillip for sure and land rates have risen by 20-30 per cent since it became operational," he explains.

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Nitin Shanbhag, head, Investment Products, Motilal Oswal Private Wealth, further maintains, "Real Estate is a form of physical assets as against financial assets such as stocks, mutual funds, bonds, FDs, etc. In India, Real Estate has traditionally been the most preferred asset class; the average Indian household owns more than 70 per cent of total assets in real estate."

For residential real estate, the worst seems to be behind with the work-from-home (WFH) culture emphasizing the importance of owning a house.

Home loan rates in India are currently at decadal lows, providing much relief to existing individual borrowers on their EMIs. Spelling out further, Shweta Thakker, CSMO, AhujaHive, says, "Real Estate as an asset class has proven its mettle as an investment avenue garnering assured ROI. The real estate sector is pegged for growth with the increase in demand for safer investment options offering flexible payments plans. Investors are further incentivised by the lower stamp duty, attractive interest rates and schemes promoted by the government to captivate the masses. During the pandemic, there was a silver lining for residential real estate as the value of owning a home took precedence."

For new homebuyers as well, low interest rates are an incentive although much of the incremental demand is centred on mid and affordable housing segments. The recent Union Budget has extended the benefit of additional interest deduction on home loans for first time home buyers in the affordable segment.

People's perspective during pandemic to home buying has been astounding. During tough times, customers generally tend to shop for something which they could name their 'own' at the side of the anticipated discount in asset sharing models. According to Ram Raheja, director of a realty group, "Residential real estate is regarded as one of the safest investment markets in the world. Not only is it safer, it will also most likely fetch you better returns in the long run – aside from providing you with a solid roof over your head for generations. With well-chosen assets, investors can enjoy excellent returns, tax advantages and diversification."

Keep in mind:

Some important considerations for residential real estate investors are track record of the builder, vicinity and access to marketplaces, schools, hospitals, and affordability, based on prevailing net income.

Examine Market Rates:
Do examine market rates on time.

Need and demographic:
It is important to identify your requirement from the house as well as its surroundings.

Expected RoI:
If you're thinking of buying a property just for investment purposes; then the return on investment is an important factor. Other than that, the appreciation of the property you are investing in is another essential element, which determines whether it's worth taking the plunge.

Source: Times Property

New SOP in place after detection of Omicron variant

Two doses must to enter malls

Guidelines for Christmas and New Year celebrations will be decided later

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International travellers flying to Bengaluru airport will be allowed to exit the airport only if their spot Covid test is negative. Following the detection of two Omicron cases in Bengaluru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a high-level meeting with officials, health officials and experts on Friday to chalk out the future course of action. For this purpose, there will be more testing units at the airport. For quick results, there will be provision of tests, which will cost Rs 3,000.

Following the meeting, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said as per the new directives, only those who have taken both the vaccine doses will be allowed entry to malls, cinema halls and multiplexes.

"Parents of schoolchildren should have received both doses of the vaccine, otherwise their kids won't be allowed in schools. The government has also directed the schools and colleges to not hold any event in their premises till January 15. As there is a spike in positive cases among students coming from Kerala, we don't want to take any chances," Ashoka added. the minister said.

Meanwhile, the restrictions are back at marriage halls as the number of guests are capped at 500. The number of covid tests will be ramped from 60,000 to one lakh per day across the state. All gatherings, meetings, conferences and others should strictly limit the number of participants to 500 people only and covid-appropriate behaviour shall be strictly enforced during the event; the responsibility to enforce the same lies with the organisers.

Belagavi session to continue

Despite the detection of the Omicron variant, the State Government has reiterated that it will continue to hold a legislature session in Belagavi this month. When asked, Ashoka said that the Omicron was detected in Bengaluru and hence it was safe to hold the session there and all the guidelines will be followed.

Festival plans

Assessing the situation in the coming days, the State Government will release a separate set of guidelines for Christmas and New Year shortly.

Random sampling at airport

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on Wednesday, 01 Dec 2021 said 2 per cent of the passengers coming from countries that are not in the 'at-risk' list will be subject to random sampling for coronavirus, and such passengers will be permitted to leave the airport after giving the samples.

THE BIAL will be bearing the testing costs for the 2 per cent of international passengers who will be randomly chosen for testing at Kempegowda International Airport, a spokesperson said.

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Meeting highlights

- Strict implementation of five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination and enforcing adherence to covid-appropriate behaviour.
- Compulsory testing of health workers, people aged above 65 years and individuals with co-morbidities will be undertaken by the government.
- Entry to malls, cinema halls/theatres shall be allowed only to the persons who are vaccinated with two doses of covid-19 vaccine.
- Government professionals shall be vaccinated with two doses of covid-19 vaccine.
- Wearing face masks is an essential preventive measure.
- Intensive containment (micro containment measures) and active surveillance in clusters/areas reporting higher cases to contain the spread locally.
- Strict surveillance at the border posts setup by the districts adjoining Kerala and Maharashtra will continue.

Passengers get tested for covid at a railway station in Bengaluru; BBMP marshals fine a man for not wearing mask at KR Market area

Track mode on for missing South Africans

After a South African national who was the first patient to be tested positive for Omicron variant in the country returned to Dubai, the State Government has now decided to track the case. Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that he has spoken to police commissioner Kamal Pant and a case will be registered in the High Grounds police station to inquire as to how that person was given a covid negative certificate and was allowed to fly back.

Ashoka also said that the missing 10 South African nationals from Bengaluru will be tracked by Friday midnight and will be subjected to RT-PCR testing. Following detection of the two cases of Omicron in Bengaluru, 10 South African nationals were untraceable in Bengaluru, which is concerning the Health Department.

These South African nationals had arrived in Bengaluru between November 12 and 22. The Health Department, which is on high alert after detection of Omicron cases, wanted to get these persons tested. They are not present at their residential address given at the airport and their mobile phones are switched off.

In total, 57 people have arrived from high risk countries. The Health Department has already approached the police to trace the individuals, as it plans to send all samples to genomic sequencing tests to get clarity on the presence of the Omicron variant. BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said that he doesn't have any direct information regarding the matter. "I can say that contact tracing is a continuous process and if they are not found, there are standard protocols to deal with the situation. We are prepared to tackle any situation." -BMB

6 patients being treated at Bowring stable

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Around six patients are being treated at Bowring hospital where a dedicated ward has been set up to treat Omicron patients. Bowring Hospital's Dean cum Director Dr Manoj Kumar HV said six patients including a 46-year-old anesthetist (who was the second Omicron patient detected on Thursday) and five of his primary and secondary contacts have been admitted to the hospital.

Dr Kumar said that all the six patients are asymptomatic. The patients who earlier had mild fever and body pain were tested. "We still don't have evidence but we feel that the symptoms of Omicron will be more or less the same, except the loss of taste and smell compared to other covid cases. As of now, we have not got any symptomatic patients; we still need to know how the Omicron symptoms will be in India. As per available data, no one has been affected seriously," Dr Kumar said, adding that the 46-year-old anesthetist had high viral load yet he is clinically stable. The lung is not affected. The six patients have already completed eight days of cycle since they tested positive. A re-test will be conducted two days later before they are discharged and sent to home isolation. As all the six have got two doses of vaccination, it is believed that they have mild or no symptoms. Currently, a floor with 60 patients is dedicated to Omicron patients and will be separated from other covid patients.

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The BBMP sealed the house of the 46-year-old Omicron patient

Preparing medical colleges for possible third wave: Dr K Sudhakar

After chairing a video conference meeting with the directors of the medical colleges, on possible third wave and the new Omicron virus-related treatment, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said there are 21 medical colleges offering health services at the district level. Everyone, including the HOD, professors and senior doctors of Medical Colleges have been advised to stand up to the demand and provide effective treatment. They can also avail the help of resident doctors, and final year medical students, the minister said.

Paediatric ICUs are ready

Officials have been instructed to prepare ICUs for children."We have got the information on all necessary equipment and other systems. Resident doctors' covid risk allowance to the tune of Rs 55 crore is pending and the Finance department has released the amount. Total fund requirement is nearly Rs 73 crore, and it will be credited to the concerned account within a couple of days. We were facing some technical glitches to credit salaries to their account. Institutions have taken 20 days to be registered in HRMS. From December onwards, salaries will be credited to their bank accounts," the minister said.

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5 bridal jewellery trends to be wedding-ready

Your one-stop guide on what to pick for the big day

Bridal jewellery is all about the allure, charm, glitter and gold. It doesn't matter whether you are the bride-to-be or the bridesmaid, everyone wants to look their best during all the functions. Deciding the most-suitable jewellery can be time consuming, but once you know what's in-season it becomes so much easier to buy the best one. Looking for jewellery that you can flaunt this wedding season? Sanika Salunke picks out five trends before making your next purchase!

1 Gigantic Costume Gems

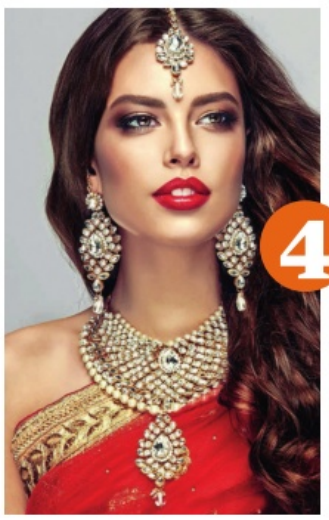
Large, colourful gemstones are all you need to create a statement look this winter! Starting from the ruby reds and sapphire blues to lush emerald green, you can try them all. In fact, you can pair them up with other minimal accessories for an impactful appearance.

2 The Pearly Whites

Yes, they are back, an how! You can now buy all those chunky pearl earrings that will add elegance to any plain outfit. Let them be oversized or as delicate as possible, pearls are essential and one of the most sought-after elements to include in your collection. They will give you an extra dash of elegance.

3 Diamonds, Always

The one gemstone that will prove to be the head-turner is the diamond. White, champagne or rose-cut, make up your mind and let your jewellery box sparkle. Want to opt for a full diamond bridal collection? Go for it! Shine like a diamond on your wedding day!



4 Bridal Choker

Ladies, get that gorgeous choker as soon as possible because this one never really goes out of style. You can wear a heavy bridal choker and pair it with an elegant lehenga. To glam up your look, pull on some more long neckpieces.

5 Layered Necklace

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Desolation row

Lately, some of us have become accustomed to watching live streaming video of wildlife after the human world was devastated by the rather strangely and rapidly mutating coronavirus — even for a virus SARS-CoV-2 gets curiouser and curiouser.

As I was saying, a few months ago I watched an albatross chick fledge through a live streaming camera operated by the department of conservation in the island nation of New Zealand, from a place known as Taiaroa Head.

The Royal Albatross chick born in a small colony in the southern hemisphere headland took over a year to attempt first flight after hatching, as most albatross chicks do, meticulously training to successfully lift off and masterfully glide through coastal winds or even squalls. It is a joyful thing to do, to watch how the albatrosses raise a family, even remotely so.

The latest update was the now juvenile bird named Tiaki, was spotted far out in the open ocean, off the coast of Chile, about 9,000 km away.

Several such cameras, as the one which showed us the coming of age of Tiaki, the Southern Royal Albatross, beam live footage of animals and birds from across the globe to living rooms, causing minimum human interference than it used to previously, in the natural world of creatures that boast an evolutionary history far greater than us.

Now, you may ask why all of a sudden you refer to the story of Tiaki, the albatross chick. All such animals we are tracking, albatrosses that spend most of their time on the wing, indeed a miraculous feat for a relatively heavy avian, or elephants in the African bush that maintain deep emotional bonds, showcase what transpires if a living being follows natural evolution and selection or if it veers off the path like us, now ready to brace for the apparent fallout.

The secret life of animals and birds that we voyeuristically observe are testimony to the fact that coexistence and a harmonious way of life are benefits of taking cue from nature as is the case of most living beings, unlike us.

Why do we now find it difficult to coexist even after claiming that we have masterfully evolved so far? The fact is we have an evolutionary span far lesser than any of the animals: well, depends on one's perspective you might say.

A 3.5 million years of rapid neurological development as opposed to tens of hundreds of million years of evolving and cohabiting fauna — what is the use of it, if that brain power cannot recognise another fellow human being, but is repeatedly trying to disenfranchise and edge her away?

For instance, as a city, Bengaluru does not seem to believe in coexistence. The recent fiasco surrounding

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stand-ups not being allowed an audience in this so-called 'city of the future' exposes the farce of inclusivity and urbanism that many of us want to associate with Bengaluru of the day. Sadly, that seems a far-fetched idea now, unless these tendencies are reined in sooner.

The fact that these rightful citizens in question - Munawar Faruqui and Kunal Kamra - are stand-ups, who turn a mirror to the way you and I go about our lives, makes it even more absurd and bizarre, and sets us back to the dark ages. Cannot even take a bit of humour, can you? Are the identities of these hate-mongers so sullied and their ego bloated out of proportion with power and arrogance that a bloat of hippopotamuses pales in comparison?

Faruqui was targeted simply because of the hatred festering deep down in our society now showing its ugly face once again as the only thing the propagators know is to hate and they shall keep hating. Kamra was told by the organisers not to perform, probably for his brutally honest critique. He humoured his way through the whole drama saying he was being treated as another variant of the coronavirus.

So, in all probability, those who want to stop stand-ups from performing in Bengaluru (and those who provide cover) would just implode in anger and perish if they chanced upon 'Spitting Image', a satire sketch with puppets of politicians and popular icons from across the world. Thank goodness the larger world is not in the control of these bullies. Bully your way ahead as long as it sustains. Is it?

Bullies are a high school fixture, shoving and pushing the weak and vulnerable. Is that what Bengaluru is capable of? Is the citizenry represented by a bunch of bullies who think they shall decide who the city belongs to? So much for inclusivity and future investments that would bring in employment opportunities and infrastructural development.

Where were these bullies when two dead bodies of coronavirus patients were found after a year in a government facility at the heart of the city? Surely, they do not place credence to the plight of the oppressed, underprivileged or castaways of our society, waiting to be heard for entire lifetimes.

When cupid struck an elephant

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A cupid-struck domesticated tusker named Kusha has travelled 300 km to meet his lady love and has returned to the forest aided by rather surprised forest officials and activists.

In 2016, an elephant made news for attacking the agricultural fields in Kodagu district. Following complaints, the Forest Department conducted 'Operation Elephant' and caught the rogue elephant to train and domesticate him at Dubare elephant camp.

As there were two elephants caught at the same time, both were named Lava and Kusha. Two years back, Kusha fell in love with a wild elephant. The love between both the elephants was so intense that Kusha was not willing to return to camp.

Soon, it became a routine for forest officials to chase the errant elephant. To avoid this, camp staff chained him for some days. He managed to escape in 2017 from the camp.

Later, the forest officials succeeded in bringing him back to the camp. Mahouts dealing with Kusha said that the love-struck tusker was violating instructions.

Meanwhile, activists started an online campaign asking for Kusha to be freed. Animal welfare activist Maneka Gandhi got involved and freed him in Bandipur Forest with a radio collar fixed on him in March this year.

The elephant that cannot be tamed: Kusha is travelling long-distance to be near his beau

IMD predicts more rain

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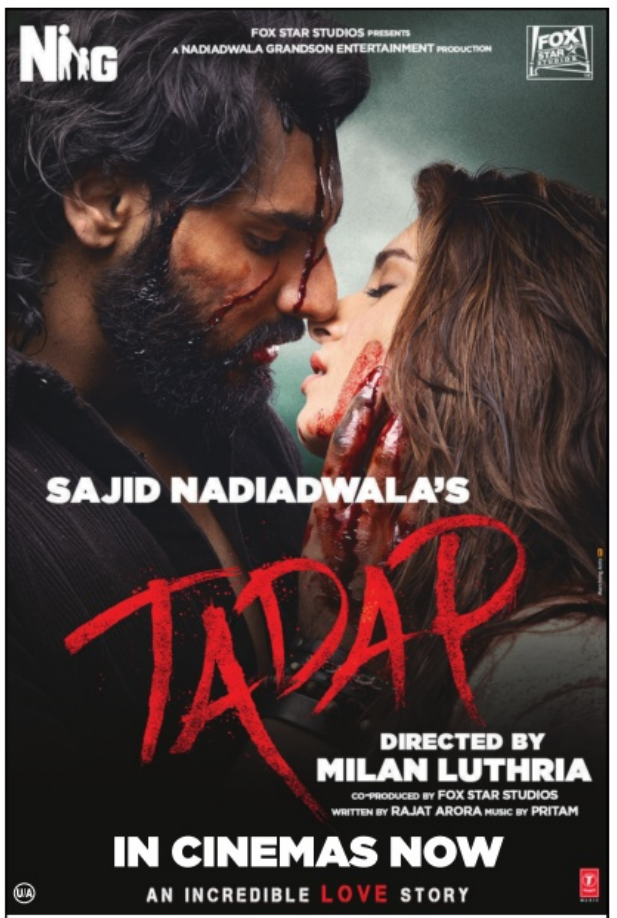
After a gap of a few days, the city experienced rainfall. India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted scattered, very light to light rain for the next two days. Across Karnataka, it predicted a possibility of scattered to widespread, very light to moderate rainfall, with isolated heavy rain likely over south and north interior Karnataka, and Malnad regions. It also predicted isolated to scattered, very light to light rain over coastal Karnataka districts.

Meanwhile, the depression over south-east Bay of Bengal moved northwestwards at a speed of 32 kmph and intensified into a deep depression and lay centered over the west central and adjoining south Bay of Bengal about 580 km south-southeast of Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 670 km south-southeast of Gopalpur (Odisha) and 760 km south-southwest of Paradip (Odisha).

It is likely to continue to move northwestwards and intensify into a cyclonic storm. It is likely to reach west-central Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh and southern coasts of Odisha by Saturday. Thereafter, it is likely to recurve north-northeast wards and move along north coastal Andhra Pradesh and the coasts of Odisha during the subsequent 24 hours with a maximum sustained wind speed of 80 to 90 kmph, gusting at 100 kmph.

Just another day for Bengalureans: Commuters navigate a flooded road



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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a heterosexual man and I like cross-dressing. My wife knows this and supports it. During intercourse she asks me to wear a bra and have sex with her. She says she enjoys it when both of us wear women's clothing. Now she wants me to dress up completely so she can remove my clothes one by one, except my bra. Is this normal?
It is normal for you as both of you agree. Do you wear her clothes or do you have a wardrobe of your own?

2 I am a 23-year-old man. I recently had sex with my girlfriend for the first time without protection. After that I told her to use the washroom and urinate as the uric acid would destroy the sperms if there were any. She is afraid to take an emergency contraceptive as it may cause side effects. She says she will take tablets that advance her period. Will this work better?
The urine passage and the vagina are different and no amount of uric acid will help if she conceives, which is a possibility in this case. Please insist that she take the emergency contraceptive. It is better she suffer the nausea, which is a side effect of the pill, than get pregnant. Hurry as she should take it within 72 hours of the act.

3 I am 36 years old and my wife is 33. I used to drink a lot 10 years ago. My sex drive was healthy for the first three years of our marriage. But recently, I have been having trouble getting a proper erection during sex. Even when I do get one, it does not last for too long. My marriage is in bad shape because of this. I cannot visit a doctor because my wife is conservative.
Why does your wife being conservative stop you from going to the doctor? I suggest you get a medical check-up. It is important to figure out if you have diabetes or other health problems. For a month, try Vigomax Forte (Charak), one tablet in the morning and at night, half an hour before food.

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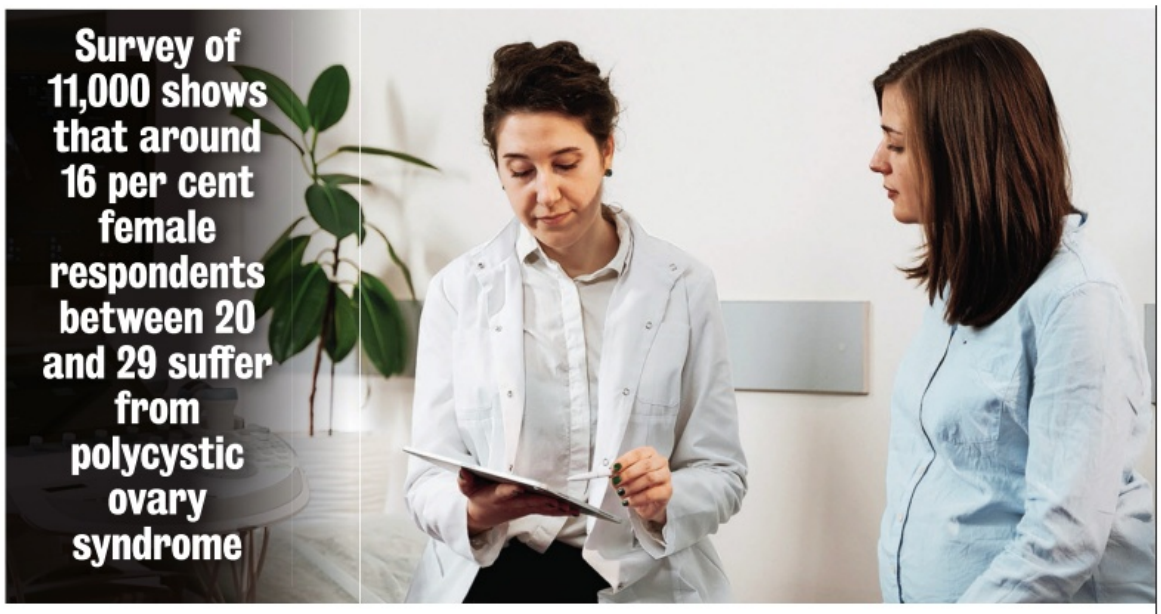
Can IVF, ICSI help women with PCOS get pregnant? Expert verifies


Survey of 11,000 shows that around 16 per cent female respondents between 20 and 29 suffer from polycystic ovary syndrome

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Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a health condition that affects women of reproductive age. PCOS causes hormonal and metabolic irregularities in women, which can have a negative impact on their overall health. Women with PCOS may experience irregular or prolonged menstrual cycles, as well as a high level of male hormones (androgen). The ovary fails to release an egg (ovulation) as a result of these and other symptoms, causing cysts to grow inside the organ. PCOS is caused by several factors, including insulin resistance and irregular lifestyle, and impacts women's ability to conceive.

"In a survey done amidst 11,000 respondents last year, the figures reflected that around 16 per cent of female respondents between the ages of 20 and 29 years suffered from PCOS. With the increasing prevalence of PCOS in the country, there are numerous theorised falsehoods surrounding the illness and one such is that they can't bear children," reveals Dr Kshitiz Murdia, CEO and Co-founder, Indira IVF.

She explains that women with PCOS may face difficulties having a child owing to irregular ovulation and hormonal abnormalities, but it is achievable with correct treatment and counseling from fertility specialists. "There are several treatments, medicine courses, and even Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) like In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) that can assist women with PCOS to become pregnant," says Dr Murdia, who explains these fertility procedures.

IVF And ICSI

Women living with PCOS can make changes in their lifestyle to conceive naturally. However, they may still face difficulties despite making lifestyle adjustments. In such situations, IVF and ICSI are the two most prevalent treatments for women with PCOS who want to start a family.

The basic concept behind IVF is that the eggs are extracted from the ovaries and fertilised in a laboratory outside of the body. Fertilising eggs can be done in two ways – standard insemination and ICSI. Standard insemination is one of the earliest procedures developed where a few thousand sperms are put in a laboratory dish near the egg. The sperms must penetrate the egg by themselves. Today, ICSI has mostly replaced this approach.

ICSI is a specialised procedure in which a single sperm is injected into each egg to aid fertilisation using very fine micro-manipulation equipment as part of an IVF treatment cycle. A small needle called a micropipette is used to inject a single sperm into the centre of the egg during the ICSI procedure. After fertilisation, the fertilised egg (now termed an embryo) matures in a laboratory for one to five days and checked for any genetic anomalies using preimplantation genetic diagnosis before being transferred to the woman's uterus via standard IVF or ICSI procedures.

For people with PCOS, hormonal injections are used in the process to produce numerous follicles (containing eggs). Gonadotropins are injection-based reproductive treatments that include either follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) or luteinising hormone (LH). The pituitary gland in the brain produces both FSH and LH throughout a typical menstrual cycle to naturally encourage the ovaries to produce a single egg each month. When administered as an injection, FSH (with or without LH) operates directly on the ovaries to produce numerous follicles.

A dense group of cells called cumulus cells surrounds an egg when it is removed from the ovary. The egg is difficult to view under the microscope because of these cells. This makes determining whether the egg is mature or not more difficult. Fertilisation is impossible with immature eggs, so no fertilisation may be caused by immature eggs. But when ICSI is performed, these cumulus cells are taken away. This enables experts to determine if an egg is mature with confidence, as well as having a more precise evaluation of the egg retrieval. In some patients, an egg donor might be necessary for such fertility treatment in people with PCOS.

The signs and symptoms of PCOS could be less evident in some individuals than others. One should see a doctor if you are missing your period and are not getting pregnant, have excessive body hair or facial hair, have diabetes symptoms, and are having trouble conceiving.

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YEAR-END MONEY GOALS

Before the end of the year, most people will take some time to reflect on where they are and how they can improve their current situation. The following are a few money tips that can help you make progress with your finances for the upcoming year.

Create new financial goals

Sit down and reflect on what goals you have accomplished this year, which ones you have not attained, and ask yourself if these goals are still important. Next, create some new goals and determine what steps are needed in order to achieve them in the coming year.

Make a spending plan

If you haven't created a plan about where your money should go, this is the perfect time to be intentional with your spending and savings. Decide what expenditures you need to cut back or beef up on. Lack of a designated amount to be spent in each area of your finances could lead to challenges.

Get rid of debt

Figure out what extra money could be used towards the debt and make it a part of your spending plan. The faster you pay off debt, the sooner you can save more money towards your goals.

Check your credit report

Getting a copy of your credit report is a great way to spot errors or evidence of identity theft. This is an important step to take before applying for loans, opportunities to refinance, or anything that will require a credit check.

Look over insurance policies

Review your insurance policies to ensure they still meet your needs. It is also important to look at your policies before the new year to ensure they are meeting your short and long-term goals.

Review your beneficiaries

Sometimes a beneficiary may have passed away, gotten married, or may now have children; these are reasons to update planning documents. Make sure to review the names of your beneficiaries listed to inherit your assets and make important updates as needed.

Make time for retirement planning

Are you on track with your retirement planning and putting away enough for your future? Review the adjustments you might want to make in order to get closer to your retirement goals.

This article is authored by Summer Watson, MHS, PhD and Jen Fontanilla, Certified Money Coach from the Life, Love & Money Show with Summer & Jen. –FEMINA

'I will get married to someone who can live with my mom'

...And other quips by Sara Ali Khan who has no qualms with being wise while young

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You can't really put a peg on Sara Ali Khan. She may be the quintessential star kid, but somehow, she's managed to keep the whole nepotism debate at bay. With her latest offering 'Atrangi Re' about to release, ETimes caught up with the actor. Sara talks about marrying a man who'll move in with her mom, Amrita Singh and much more. Excerpts...

● Did you ever feel Rinku's character is too similar to stuff you've done before?
Hundred per cent no. Firstly, the dialect that the character has is new for me. The fact that I am dancing on my first solo song in this movie is new for me. The fact that I am working with Thailava of the North and the South is new for me. I am playing Aanand L Rai's heroine... that's new for me as well. But in this character, the fact that she is so loud and assertive in her external characteristics, but then she has such a soft, naive, and innocent interior as well--that contrast is also totally new to me. Who she is and the world she lives in is totally unlike anything I've ever done before. She comes from rural Bihar and throws glass bottles at people. But at the same time, she's also scared, alone, and doesn't know what the future holds for her. First she's forcefully married off to someone and then she goes and dances with complete abandon at another wedding. The prospects of what I got to do in 'Atrangi Re' is completely new for me.

● Your character claims she's run away with the man she loves. Have you ever been a rebel with or without a cause, too?
I can't even come to an interview without matching my bangles to my outfit with the help of my mother. Till my mom doesn't tell me, 'Please add green bangles to your hand because you have a chalak of green in that corner of your dupatta', I won't be able to step out for an interview. I am not capable of running away from my mother. Wherever I run away to, she is the home I have to return to, every day.

● Have you ever felt an urge to break the shackles?
Not at all. I'll even get married to someone who can move in and live with my mom. I'm never going to leave her. Jokes apart, my mother is a very liberal woman. She is my third eye. She is the sound of reason, so, no, I'm never running away.

● Who do you fall back on for advice? Your mother Amrita Singh or father Saif Ali Khan?
It's always my mom. For anything and everything.

● Are you happy that you've managed to dodge the nepotism bullet?
It's not about dodging the bullet. It's ultimately the fact that your work speaks for itself. Nothing really affects the other. Every Friday is a new day and you are judged for who you are and what your mettle is. That's something I've learnt early in my life.

● Do you feel you are wise beyond your years? If yes, then how come?
Yes. Perhaps it's the experiences that I had growing up. I grew up fast and saw a lot in life. Perhaps they helped me grow up a little faster.

● Would you peg that on your relationships or other experiences?
I think it was about living with my mom. Living with a single mother in today's day and age makes you a little tougher and harder than you need to be. You don't live in La La Land for too long then. You see the world for what it is.

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KL Rahul bats for Ahan

After making his first public appearance with girlfriend Athiya Shetty at the special screening of 'Tadap', cricketer KL Rahul has now shared a sweet post for her brother Ahan Shetty.

Taking to his social media handles, Rahul shared a picture of himself with Ahan where they are seen seated at a park bench. He also penned a sweet note along with it.

He wrote, 'No more looking back my brother @ahan.shetty . So proud only bigger things ahead for you . Tadap out now'

As soon as he shared the post, Suniel was amongst the first one to react to the sweet post. Sharing his Tweet, the actor wrote, 'Love you baba', followed by a heart emoticon.

Athiya and Rahul have been dating for a long time now. Although they are yet to come out in the open about it, their social media PDAs, movie dates and outings speak volumes about their secret love affair.

Srimurali shines in this mass entertainer

The story of Madhagaja revolves around the hatred between two villagers in Shivgarh and Gajendragarh over water issues. Bhairava (Jagapathi Babu) of Shivgarh is trying to get water to the village, for which he gives up many things, even seeing his newborn son (Surya). Surya, who grew up in Varanasi, lands in Karnataka. How Bhairava and Surya come together and the role played by the mother Rathnamma (Devyani) forms the crux. Produced by Umapathy Srinivas, the film is made on a big scale and everything is spectacular about it. The film has the right mix of emotions combined with excellent action sequences. Srimurali shines as Surya. Jagapathi Babu, who usually appears as a villain, has a different role here which he plays with elan. Devayani does justice to her part. Garuda Ram (Ramachandra Raju) has given a brilliant performance. Director Mahesh Kumar, who is known for his romantic comedy, Ayogya, has pulled off an action movie this time. However, he has not brought anything new to the table. The plot is tried and tested and does become a tad predictable. **-Madiri**

MADHAGAJA
3.5 RATING ★★★½☆
● **DIRECTOR** Mahesh
● **ACTORS** Srimurali, Devayani, Jagapathi Babu
● **CERTIFICATION** UA

Is bride-to-be Kat on a strict no-carb diet ahead of wedding?

Like every other bride, Katrina Kaif too wants to be in perfect shape for her royal wedding next week and the actress is following a special diet for the same. The actress is a fitness enthusiast and often inspires fans with her healthy regime. And ahead of her wedding with Vicky Kaushal, the bride-to-be is following a strict pre-wedding diet plan. According to Indiatoday.in, Katrina has gone totally off carbs since a few weeks.

ETimes was first to confirm Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal's winter wedding, we had also unveiled the grand wedding venue, Fort Barwara. The celebrations are spread across three days. The festivity will begin on December 7 with a sangeet, followed by mehendi on December 8 and the wedding on December 9. The couple will also host a reception on December 10. A source had told BT, "The guests will be given a secret code for entry. They will not be allowed to carry their mobile phones after a certain point, so that no pictures or videos are leaked. Drivers ferrying the guests from Sawai Madhopur and Jaipur will be given basic phones and not smartphones, so that they don't click pictures of the guests." Meanwhile we spotted Katrina's friend and fashion stylist Anaita Shroff Adajania on Friday as she reached the actress' residence for wedding preparations. **- ETimes**

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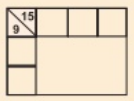
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$((2^1)^2 \div (2^2)^2 * (2^3)^2)^2 = 2^x$

x = ?

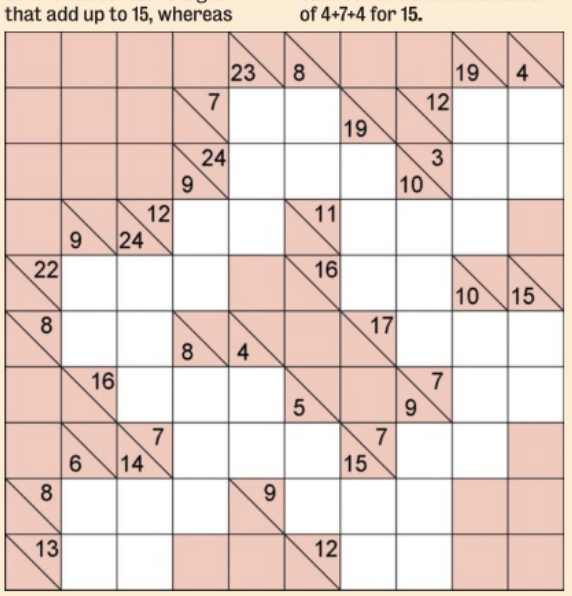
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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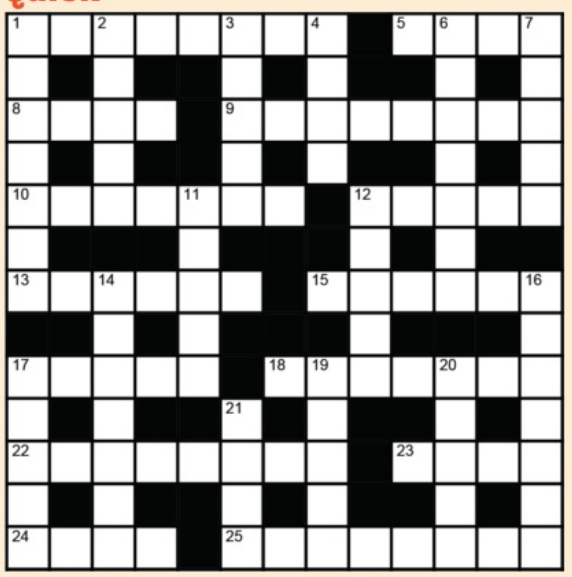


ACROSS

1 Raided or started fighting? (8)
5 Small drop or spot (4)
8 Daybreak (4)
9 Complained (8)
10 Indirect, angled (7)
12 Wise ones (5)
13 Roofing man (6)
15 Made noise like a donkey (6)
17 Cursed or took an oath? (5)
18 NY's ____ Square Garden (7)
22 Government building that offers a view of Ulsoor Lake on one side and the Bangalore Race Course on the other (4,4)
23 Congealed blood (4)
24 Yes votes (4)
25 Made beloved? (8)

DOWN

1 Gruelling; laborious (7)
2 Drying-cloth (5)
3 Popular tourist destination in North India (5)
4 Slightly moist (4)
6 Sweepstake or prize draw (7)
7 Portends or foretells (5)
11 Line of people (5)
12 Cut finely (5)
14 Attendant, assistant (7)
16 Indicated or meant (7)
17 Brazilian dance (5)
19 Was unwell or was sick (5)
20 Kind of energy (5)
21 Titled lady (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS H

VI FVK KBIOZ W ZUVKKQ HKKS, UQKZIZ W BSGZKO.

Linemaro

Improve your image, be seen with me

Mindchow

Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't going away

Joke of the day

Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with

Loop

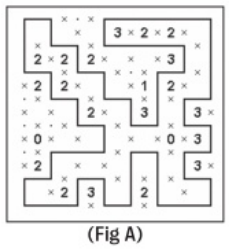
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

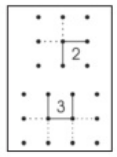
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

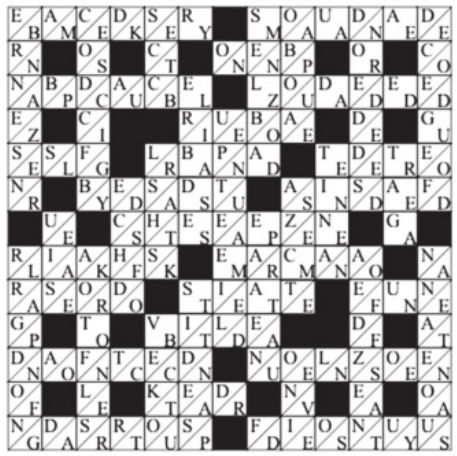


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 C	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Scare; 6 PT Rec; 7 OP hit; 8 Canoe; 9 Girth

DOWN

1 Croat; 2 I croc; 3 Ere GP; 4 Hap he; 5 Tints

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?

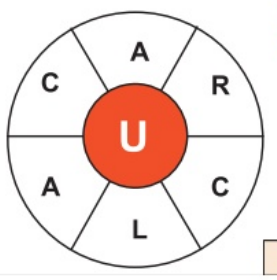
4	2	8	7
6	3	6	6
5	1	5	3

1	0	8	8
7	1	4	2
8	7	2	9

3	2	4	8
2	1	8	9
7	4	9	7

3	0	6	2
4	1	6	4
6	3	?	5

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

1		4					3	5
					5		6	
9			2					
7		9	1	5				
5		8				4		9
				4	9	7		6
					1			3
	9		7					
8	2					1		7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6
2 3 7 7

Medium = 63
3 6 6 9

Hard = 6
6 1 8 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

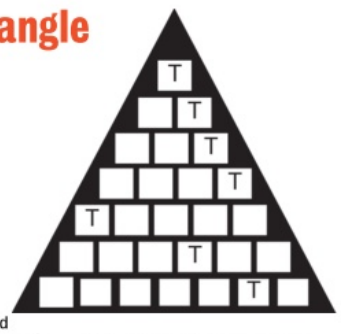
Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Bow tie is missing. 3. Hat is different. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Mouth is added. 6. Register is different.

Riddler

He stands beside him as he swears, Or you defeated the knight. Top dog of any that you find, Clothes you wear on opera night. It's always done for excellence, A pair of worlds meeting right. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 ____tu Brute ...
3 Family canine
4 Perky
5 Rhetoric device
6 Frost works
7 Indigence



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

THESE ARE HORSESHOES, LOCO, AND YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO LIKE THEM
TAP TAP TAP
9-21
LET'S TRY THEM OUT,.. TROT DOWN THE TRAIL A LITTLE WAYS
DON'T TELL ME I PUT THEM ON BACKWARDS!
Yates/Casson

Bizarrotrip

Twice a day, hide one pill under your tongue, then spit it out behind the sofa.
Wayno & Piraro 10-1-21
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Diamond Lil

MY NEIGHBOR'S LITTLE GIRL WANTS THAT NEW DOLL
WHAT'S IT CALLED?
"TATTOO TAMMY"
YOU PULL HER STRING AND SHE GETS A DOLPHIN ON HER THIGH
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Hart of the city

I'M SORRY WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HANG OUT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WE'RE HANGING OUT NOW! PASS ME A MARSHMALLOW.
THAT'S TRUE... SO YOU DON'T HATE ME OR ANYTHING?
HATE YOU?! HOW COULD I HATE THE GUY WHO GAVE ME A MARSHMALLOW?
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Crankshaft

'"Mordor Financial" had only purchased the "Sentinel"...
'So that they could drain the juice out of the paper until nothing was left but the dried-out husk.
'They called it their harvesting strategy.'
Centerville Sentinel
BATIUK & DAVIS
9-28

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull; you may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments into the business. It is also advised to not start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be enthusiastic which may speed up your project. You may be able to take quick decisions which will increase in your business. You are likely to start a new innovation in partnership. Investments in fixed assets with the business partner is not advised.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you will be blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy; old health issues may be cured now. An amount which was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan for buying some stuff related to luxury.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you will be blessed by the moon which may give you confidence. You may be able to take important decision confidently. You are decisive also, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You will also plan for higher studies. You are likely to meet with some intellectual people, you may exchange views with them.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be able to complete a difficult task very easily which may boost your confidence level. Your past investments may give you good gains. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics; it may waste your precious time. You are also advised to control your spending on worthless stuff.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work; your hard work may pay you now, which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with some influential person may boost your network. you may also expect some short trips.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you will be blessed by moon, which may make you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with the people around you, which may increase your respect. You may take some difficult decisions in the business, with the help of your colleagues.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you will be blessed by the moon; it will be a good day for you. You have a good vitality which may help you enjoy at work; you may enjoy romantic moments with the spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project; your perfection may help you to design the flow chart. Job-seekers will find suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may not feel better; old health issues may arise; it may make you upset. You may take some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised that you should not keep money lose, otherwise you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you will be blessed by moon, which may make you happy. You may likely to have good gains in your past investments. You may be able to take quick decisions in terms of work which may give you good gains in near future.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be busy at work; with the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you to gain profits in past investments. You may enjoy your romantic moments with the spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you will be blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation of your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed works. There will be some gains in your business which may boost your finance.

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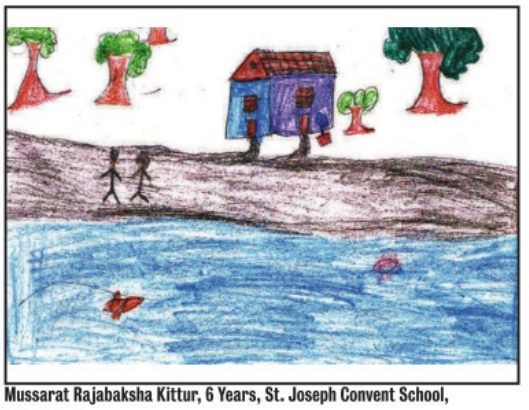

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
[4/4·2·8·2]·2
= [4/16·64]·2
= [0.25·64]·2
= 16 = 2x, x=8

BULL'S EYE
ACCRUAL, aural, cual

STRIKE OUT

B	A	C	K	E	R	■	M	O	A	N	E	D	■	■
R	O	■	T	■	N	E	B	■	O	■	O	■	■	■
A	B	D	U	C	E	■	L	O	A	D	E	D	■	■
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G	A	R	O	S	■	F	E	S	T	U	S	■	■	■

QUICK

A	V	E	S	■	E	N	D	E	A	R	E	D	■	■
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FAST FIVE

A	C	R	E	S
C	R	E	P	T
T	O	P	H	I
O	C	E	A	N
R	I	G	H	T

QUOTE UNCODE
He who opens a school door, closes a prison.

RIDDLER
Best

SUDOKU

8	2	3	5	6	4	1	9	7
6	9	1	7	3	8	5	4	2
4	7	5	9	2	1	6	8	3
3	1	2	8	4	9	7	5	6
5	6	8	3	7	2	4	1	9
7	4	9	1	5	6	3	2	8
9	5	6	2	1	3	8	7	4
2	3	7	4	8	5	9	6	1
1	8	4	6	9	7	2	3	5

MENSA PUZZLE
0. In each row of each grid, multiply the left and right hand numbers together to give a digit value, and write this value in the two centre boxes.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Et, Pet, Pert, Trope, Poetry, Povertу.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 7 – 7 x 2 = 6
Medium
9 x 6 + 3 + 6 = 63
Hard
8 – 8 + 6 x 1 = 6

LOOP

KAKURO

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